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## M.O.E. Policy Manual

POLICY/TITLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPAL AREA SCHEMES	NO. 06-04-01
<u>Legislative Authority</u>  the Ontario Water Resources Act	
<u>Statement of Principles</u>  This policy describes the development and application of Policy 06-01 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWAGE SERVICE to municipal area schemes. Reference should be made to that document if greater detail is required.  <u>Definition</u>  <u>Area Schemes</u>  "Area Schemes" refers to a sewage or water works system that provides service to more than one municipality which has jurisdiction over sewage or water service.  1. <u>Area Schemes Under Grants for Major Works Program</u>  Area schemes are covered by the provisions for Grants for Major Works described in Policy 06-01, Section 1.  2. <u>Alternatives for Area Schemes</u>  The Ministry of the Environment intends that area schemes be designed to follow the alternatives below in descending order of priority:	
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<u>Effective Date</u>  February 16, 1981	

- (a) Municipalities should establish their own joint board of management to be responsible for project management (i.e., planning and construction), loan financing, plant operation, and works ownership wherever feasible. Section 208, para. 5 of the Municipal Act authorizes the formation of joint boards of management.
- (b) The same as (a) above except where municipalities are unable to provide project management, MOE may provide this service. Please refer to Policy 06-02 for details on the provisions of project management.
- (c) Where municipalities are unable to form their own joint board of management, or otherwise reach agreement on an area scheme, MOE may coordinate the area scheme and provide the services listed in 2(a) above. At the request of a municipality or MOE, the Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation (OMIC) will assist in obtaining loan financing from private sources or provide loan funds if required.

3. Provincial Involvement

Provincial involvement in area schemes may include the following:

3.1 MOE Coordination

MOE may initiate and coordinate area schemes under the provisions of Section 2 above including implementing necessary engineering studies.

3.2 Project Management and Other Assistance

Project management or other assistance that may be required will be determined at the outset of project planning.

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3.3 Alternate Financing Arrangements

Alternate financing arrangements as in Section 2(d) above will require approval of Management Board.

3.4 Engineering Studies

MOE may provide funds to support engineering studies on potential area schemes.